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Soviet Control of the Rumanian Armed Forces

1. Soviet officers were attached to Rumanian units throughout the country to act as advisors to the Commanding Officers of units of regimental level or above. Also, one Soviet officer was attached to every officers' pilot or navigators' school. As a rule, they had the same rank as the Commanding Officer of the Unit to which they were assigned.
2. At the Tank Officers' School at Pitesti (N 44-51, E 24-51) the Soviet advisor (consilier) was a colonel who was very well liked by the students because he took an interest in their well-being, participated at meetings, inspected the classes and dormitories, and quizzed students on different subjects. The Soviet colonel, who always used an interpreter, had his own office with direct telephone lines to Bucharest. He often worked with the Commanding Officer and Political Officer (Lootitorul Politic al Scolii) and was always present at parades. Every parade was reviewed by these three. At all inspections made by Rumanian generals or other high officials, their respective Soviet advisor tagged along. The Soviet advisor lived in Pitesti in a requisitioned house, which was guarded by a Rumanian sentry the advisor's family lived in the USSR and was visited by the advisor for 45 days each year.
3. Soviet advisors were attached to every Rumanian Air Force pilots' or navigators' school and had the same missions and duties to perform as those described above. Whenever unit commanding officers were called to their headquarters in Bucharest to attend meetings, they

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were accompanied by a Soviet advisor; the advisors held their meeting at the same time.

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4. In April 1955, when the head of the Rumanian Air Force, General Mihail Burca, visited Kogalniceanu Airfield (N 44-22, E 28-28) and the Escadrila 347 Hidroaviatie at Palazul Mare (N 44-14, E 28-36), he brought along his advisor, a Soviet major general

During the trip and the inspection at Kogalniceanu Airfield and at Palazul Mare, the Soviet general appeared to be very interested; he took notes and talked through an interpreter with Gen. Burca and other officers. Gen. Burca never made a step during these trips without having the Soviet advisor with him. Gen. Burca arrived by air in a LI-2 and landed at Mamaia-Sat Airfield (N 44-18, E 28-36), which was occupied by the Soviet Air Force, and traveled to Kogalniceanu Airfield by auto.

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Soviet-Rumanian Air Intercept Exercises

5. joint Soviet-Rumanian exercises in which Soviet IL-28s flew over a designated area and Rumanian MIG-15s had to intercept them. Such exercises purportedly took place in the vicinity of the airfield at Ianca (N 45-09, E 27-27) or at Silistea-Gumesti Airfield (N 44-22, E 24-59). Exercises took place at night as well as during the day.

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